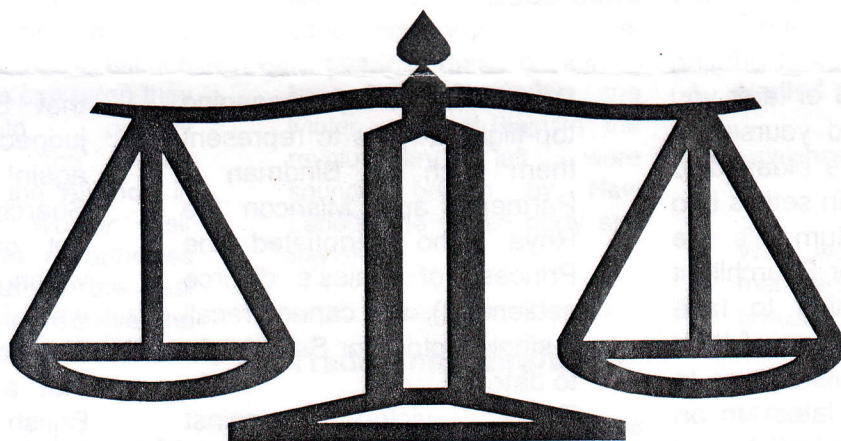


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More Lies Exposed As



Searchlight Loses Another Libel Case

Welcome to New TARGET issue number Fifteen

For new readers, we view our task as demonstrating our opposition to Searchlight's policy of exposing and harassing political opponents and their families at their homes, in the street and at their workplaces. Since our conception, it has never been our intention to present political policies, but simply to demonstrate to Searchlight, and its supporters, that **they too are vulnerable to the exposure tactics that they either employ, or support.** While Searchlight continues to print photographs and personal details of political opponents, then **New TARGET** will reciprocate by publishing details of Searchlight supporters.

We would like to make it clear however, we would NOT wish to see any Searchlight supporters exposed by New TARGET being subjected to intimidation or harassment. But, all Searchlight supporters should be aware that, **SELF-DEFENCE IS NO OFFENCE**, and we will continue to defend ourselves by exposing them, until they condemn Searchlight's tactics, and assist us in defeating this evil.

Until Victory!

COURT OUT

Searchlight: Another Libel Case Lost.

One of the hazards of printing lies is that sooner or later you are bound to find yourself in court. And we are pleased to note that as Britain settles into the new Millennium, it's the same old story for Searchlight who are continuing to face litigation from victims of their lies. Our congratulations go to Morris Riley, the latest, in an ever increasing list of Searchlight victims, to have successfully claimed redress through the courts. Newspaper columnist Gary Bushell, publisher, Alexander Baron and now author and accountant, Morris Riley have all received substantial damages from Searchlight and friends, following scandalous allegations printed

in Searchlight magazine. Despite Searchlight engaging top-flight lawyers to represent them such as Bindman & Partners, and Mishcon de Reya (who negotiated the Princess of Wales's divorce settlement), we cannot recall a single victory for Searchlight to date!

Every victory against Searchlight not only inflicts financial penalties against them (and with a good libel solicitor charging in the region of £500 an hour the financial penalties are extremely punitive) but each victory also further erodes Searchlight's already faltering credibility. This has been the most valuable asset gained through each court case. Each and

every loss proves to the world that Searchlight have been judged as liars, time and time again!

Fortunately, Searchlight's troubles are still not over. Another case is waiting to go to court following writs issued by a Mr. Taha. There are also suggestions that a senior member of a British nationalist organisation is on the verge of issuing writs for defamation, but this time with a difference. As Searchlight now proclaims their new title as *International Searchlight* the litigant is considering issuing his writ through the European courts, where damage awards are often far higher.

Bon Voyage!

You can assist prospective litigants against Searchlight by supplying the name and address of your local Searchlight stockist. Please send details to..

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A REVOLUTION? NOT TODAY THANK YOU!



The decision by the SWP to join the LSA in standing candidates against the official Labour contenders marked a new era for the extreme-left party as previously they had campaigned vigorously for the election of the Labour government. The shock of this defection is only overshadowed by the greater shock of them actually "dipping their toes in the pond of democracy". Could this be a turning point for the Trotskyists? Although throughout the campaign they refused to publicly acknowledge the other members of the Alliance in the *Socialist Worker* their members have nevertheless been exposed to the real world. Will they survive the shock, or could it become terminal?

Unfortunately for the LSA, several other groups declined to join the alliance, preferring to go it alone.

Amongst these were Arthur Scargill's Socialist Labour Party, (all 200 of them) and the *Morning Star's*, Communist Party of Britain.

According to informed sources, most of the SLP's eleven candidates came from one of the party's factions, the Southall based, *Stalinist Society*.

The grandly named, Communist Party of Great Britain, ran an almost invisible campaign from their glamorous new headquarters above a betting shop in the Commercial Road, East London, and their results were as miniscule as their membership.



As the elections results were announced it was clear that Londoners were not yet prepared for the revolution. Instead of "storming the winter palace of Blairism" the revolutionary left were soundly beaten by New Labour, the Green party and the BNP.

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Trade Union Branches

One of worst aspect of the extreme left's campaign was their attempts to drag various trade union branches into the political arena.

The LSA claimed backing from the following union branches.

Tower hamlets Health Care UNISON.

East Finchley ASLEF.

Hackney Joint Borough Services Committee. (TGWU. GMB. UCATT. UNISON).

Islington NUT

Hackney NUT

Waterloo RMT

Willesden RMT

Holborn GMB
London Fire and Civil Defence Authority UNISON.

Hammersmith Met Line RMT

Hackney & Tower Hamlets Benefits Agency. PCS.

North & NW London CWU

Lewisham NUT.

We wonder how many members knew that their branch was supporting extremists?

If you belong to any of the above branches please contact us in confidence.

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TROTSKYISTS FAIL IN ELECTION CAMPAIGN



For the first time in almost three decades extremists from the Trotskyist left decided to stand candidates in the democratic electoral system by contesting several seats in the Greater London Assembly contest.

Predictably, none of the groups dared to contest seats under their own name for fear of ridicule and instead formed the London Socialist Alliance.

The LSA made up from the Socialist Workers Party, the Communist Party of Great Britain, Workers Power, the International Socialist Group, the Alliance for Workers Liberty and the Socialist Party (formerly known as Militant).

From the start the LSA decided not to stand candidates for Mayor, instead throwing their support behind Ken Livingstone. This tactic drew criticism from the Livingstone camp when they realised that the LSA were in effect "jumping on the Livingstone bandwagon" by printing posters "Vote Ken Vote LSA" which appeared

to link LSA with the official Livingstone campaign.

Amongst the groups involved, only the Socialist Party and the CPGB had any real electoral experience. The latter had stood candidates in the European Elections hidden under the title of the groups newspaper, *Weekly Worker*. Just how the electoral costs were met is as yet still a mystery. To stand candidates in all of the 25 GLA seats cost in the region of £19,000 and all of the groups regularly plead poverty, except the SWP, who are notoriously tight with their funds.

The candidates list was headed by journalist Paul Foot, who is somewhat of an icon to the SWP's rank and file, along with Greg Tucker, a rail worker who was supported by the Marxist, *Socialist Outlook* newspaper.

Prominent supporters named by LSA perhaps gave the best insight into the "socialist credentials" of the organisation.

Michael Mansfield and Imran Khan (solicitors), John Pilger and Tariq Ali (television broadcasters), Kenneth Loach (film director) and Jeremy Hardy (actor). Not a "horny-handed son of toil" to be found amongst the lot of them!

Although these supporters were probably vital in raising funds, it gave other left groups contesting the election the prime opportunity to label the LSA as "Hampstead Pinko's" rather than real socialists.

Privately the LSA felt confident that it would get at least one candidate elected (Paul Foot) in the backwash of support for Ken Livingstone, but come polling day the "pinko's" realised that the public were not duped by big names and revolutionary politics.

Whether the Alliance will survive the recriminations that are bound to follow, only time will tell. Our betting is that it will not.

With the exception of possibly the Socialist Party, the rest will go back to their little dream world where workers revolt and the masses flock to the Red flag.



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A VALENTINE'S DAY PRESENT FROM SEARCHLIGHT

A Derbyshire-based author and accountant, Morris Riley, received his best ever Valentine's day present this February 14th, when a High Court jury awarded him £5000 in damages for defamation (libel) against Searchlight magazine, magazine editor Gerry Gable, Ray Hill, a columnist on the magazine and printers Russell Press.

The case was presided over by Mr. Justice Walker, sitting with a jury and despite the trial lasting five days, so strong was Mr. Riley's case that it only took the jury just over three and half-hours to find unanimously in his favour.

The defaming of Mr. Riley's character arose through an article in the August 1993 issue of Searchlight when the then Searchlight columnist, Ray Hill, described Mr. Riley as being "a misfit" who was "potty". Understandably Mr. Riley, the author of "PHILBY: THE HIDDEN YEARS" took offence at these allegations and issued a writ for libel.

After the writ had been issued, Mr. Hill, somewhat bizarrely, denied writing the offending article, despite it being published under his name in the "Hill Street News"

column of the magazine. The jury obviously declined to believe this. Another strange occurrence in the case was the defense's decision not to call any evidence. A tactic which backfired badly and must have influenced the jury.

Gable and Hill were in court to receive the verdict and were described as looking "profoundly unhappy".

Despite this stunning victory, Mr. Riley will still be considerably out of pocket. Wishing to clear his name and to defend his reputation, he had rejected an out of court settlement and as a result was ordered to pay all costs incurred between February 11th and the completion of the trial, a sum estimated to be in the region of £10,000.

Such is the high price of justice. However, in suing Searchlight not only has he had his good name and reputation restored but has inflicted costs on Searchlight and its printers that could run into ten times this amount.

Nothing involving Searchlight is ever as straightforward as it should be and in this case a strange, if not somewhat sinister coincidence occurred. Shortly after issuing his writ against the Searchlight gang,

Morris Riley's home in Derbyshire was raided by a London based police officer named Nemeth. The officer was executing a search warrant entitling him to search for "anti-Semitic" material. So what, you say!

But Alexander Baron and Mark Taha, both of whom were also suing Searchlight also had visits by the police to their homes, **and in both cases the same police officer, DC Nemeth was involved! Spooky isn't it?**

In taking on and defeating Searchlight in the courts, Mr. Riley has helped all who value freedom of expression. But in doing so, he is several thousands of pounds out of pocket. Can you help? Donations are urgently required. Please help by sending your donation to, Mr. M. Riley. 143, Coniston Road, Newbold. Chesterfield. Derbyshire. S41 8JD

Friends in Low Places

Can any reader tell us the identity of Searchlight's friend, "Pip" who works for the BBC Documentaries department, Room 5503, Wood Lane, London?

Red and Green

Did London colleagues notice that Terry Liddle, the former husband of New Communist party and Searchlight pin-up, Daphne Liddle, stood as a Green Party candidate for the Greenwich area in the recent London Assembly elections? Close friends of his suggest that Daphne still lives in the same area. Can you help?

On the Move

The Manchester Searchlight stockists, **Frontline Books**, have moved from their prestigious city centre location in Newton Street, to the more downmarket (some say positively dowdy) Wilmslow Road.

Life has not been particularly good for the bookshop who

were forced to change their name from Grassroots Books when they were besieged by horticulturists wishing to buy the latest Alan Titmarsh publication. Then a raid in June 1995 by Hampshire police searching for possible connections with terrorist activities, further dented their effected air of respectability.

Can any readers tell us if Searchlight's North-West contact, Steve Tilsey still active?

Steve had very close connections with the bookshop at one time.

Costly Comment

Living Marxism the intellectual magazine of the extreme-left, Revolutionary Communist Party, found that the defense of "fair comment" was a costly mistake when sued for libel by Independent Television News reporters, Ian Williams and Penny Marshall.

Living Marxism had accused the ITN reporters of fabricating an image of an emaciated Muslim prisoner at a detention

camp in Serbia in 1997. They claimed that ITN had created the image (as if the media would do that) by using "camera angles and editing" which was then broadcast on Channel 4 News.

The motive for this subterfuge was, according to *Living Marxism's* editor, Mike Hume, "to distort the truth to fit in with their supposedly anti-Serb views". This accusation formed the main part of an article, ***The Picture That Fooled The World*** published in February 1997.

Living Marxism denied libel and instead pleaded "fair comment". They also claimed "that no one would have understood its publication". (Now that IS fair comment. Ed) Unfortunately for the Marxists, the Judge and Jury did understand, and the case of defamation was proved. *LM* have been ordered to pay £375,000 in damages plus costs. The total could be in the region of £500,000.

"Truth Might Hurt, But Lies Are Costly".

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